

House Resolution No. 3138

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge the anniversaries of tragic events in the history of this great state; and

Whereas, on May 20, 1957, a tornado left a path of destruction that stretched seventy-one miles from Williamsburg, Kansas; through Martin City, Missouri; into Ruskin Heights, Missouri; and to Raytown, Missouri; and

Whereas, on May 19, 2007, the members of the Ruskin Heights Homes Association and the citizens of Hickman Mills, Missouri, will hold a Tornado Remembrance Day in which a memorial that was originally dedicated on May 18, 1958, will be rededicated with the addition of new plaques listing the names of those who died; and

Whereas, a portion of the rededication ceremony will include the planting of a tree arbor in the memory of those who lost their lives long ago in the deadliest single tornado to strike the Kansas City metropolitan area; and

Whereas, in addition to the physical destruction of homes, businesses, schools, and other property caused by the 1957 tornado, thirty-three persons were killed in Missouri and more than five hundred suffered injuries:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the Ruskin Heights tornado of 1957 and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful homecoming and dedication ceremony in honor of the tornado survivors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the 2007 Ruskin Heights tornado survivor homecoming.

Offered by _____
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District No. 50

Representative Will Kraus
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Representative Jason R. Holsman
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I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3138, adopted May 3, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker